

**RULE 63 (37 C.F.R. 1.63)**  
**INVENTORS DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION**  
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

ADJUSTABLE BACK TENSION ROPE RELEASE

the specification of which (check applicable box(es)):

☒ is attached hereto

as U.S. Application Serial No.

(Atty. Dkt. No. 1863-37)

☐ was filed on

on

☐ was filed as PCT International application No.

and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application:

Priority Foreign Application(s):

Application Number

Country

Day/Month/Year Filed

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

Application Number

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of all prior United States and PCT international applications listed above or below.

Prior U.S./PCT Application(s):

Application Serial No.

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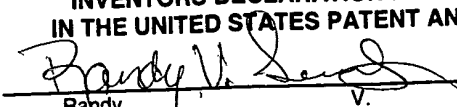
I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And on behalf of the owner(s) hereof, I hereby ask that all correspondence in this matter be directed to:

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**[X] See attached sheet(s) for additional inventor(s) information!!**

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In re Patent Application of

SUMMERS et al.

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For: ADJUSTABLE BACK TENSION ROPE RELEASE

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Sir:

**EXCLUSIVE SUBSTITUTE POWER OF ATTORNEY  
AND EXCLUSIVE PROSECUTION HEREAFTER BY  
ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.36, 3.71 AND 3.73**

Gregory E. Summers, being the owner of all right, title and interest in the above-identified patent application, hereby revokes all previous powers of attorney in this case, if any, and hereby appoints the attorneys of **Customer Number 23117** individually and collectively my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith, and with the resulting patent.

Gregory E. Summers also authorizes Nixon & Vanderhye to act and rely solely on instructions communicated from the person, attorney, firm or other organization sending instructions to Nixon & Vanderhye on behalf of the owner.

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Serial No. unknown

Certificate Under 37 C.F.R. §3.73(b)

Gregory E. Summers, an individual residing at ~~105 Overlink Ct., Lynchburg,~~ <sup>Forest VA. Mailing address of P.O. Box 498 Madison Heights,</sup>  
Virginia ~~24503~~ <sup>24572</sup> states that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the  
patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventors to the  
aforesaid assignee, a copy of the assignment being attached.

9-19-03

Date

By:

Gregory E. Summers  
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**VERIFIED STATEMENT (DECLARATION) CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY  
 STATUS [37 CFR 1.27(a)(1)] - PERSON**

As the below named individual, I hereby declare that I qualify as a person as defined in 37 CFR 1.27(a)(1) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41 (a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the invention entitled:

**ADJUSTABLE BACK TENSION ROPE RELEASE**

described in

- ☒ the specification filed herewith.  
☐ application Serial No. unknown, filed Herewith  
☐ patent No. \_\_\_\_\_, issued \_\_\_\_\_

I have not assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed and am under no obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license, any rights in the invention to any party that would not qualify as a person under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(1), a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(2) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.27(a)(3).

Each person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed, or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey, or license any rights in the invention is listed below:

- ☐ no such person, concern, or organization  
☒ persons, concerns or organizations listed below\*

\*NOTE: Separate verified statements are required from each named person, concern or organization having rights to the invention averring to their status as small entities. (37 CFR 1.27)

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I acknowledge the duty to file, in this application of patent, notification of any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. [37 CFR 1.27(g)]

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under § 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this verified statement is directed.

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